

PICKED UP CHECKS FOR \$1,750,000

One of Slips Found in Street
by Chapman Called for
Even Million.

Walking through the financial district on his way to work yesterday afternoon Ernest Chapman, a carpenter, saw a little yellow book lying right in the middle of the asphalt at Wall and New streets. Naturally he picked the book up. Paged in it by a rubber band were several pink slips of paper.

Chapman almost dropped in a faint when he slipped the rubber band off and looked at the pink slips. One of them was a certified check for an even million dollars. The others were checks for smaller sums, but they amounted to \$750,000, grand total of \$1,750,000. Probably a hundred persons had passed the spot without seeing the yellow book.

When his eyes quit goggling with the shock of it the carpenter read on the back of the book the address of Wolf Bros. & Co., bankers and brokers, at No. 100 Broadway.

They welcomed him with open arms at the office of the firm. Chapman surrendered the book and went away with a ten-dollar bill in his pocket for a reward. He is an Englishman by birth and a veteran of the London police force. He lives at No. 219 West Twenty-sixth street.

A clerk hurrying along Wall street had dropped the book five minutes before Chapman picked it from under the hanging feet of the multitude. If the finder had been a dishonest person the find would probably have done him little good, for the checks were all in favor of the National City Bank and could hardly have been negotiated anywhere.

CELTIC STEERAGE FOLK MAKE A MUCK

Written Complaint to Collector
of Indiscriminate Crowding
and Poor Meals.

Indiscriminate mixing of the sexes and overcrowding of the steerage is charged in a complaint handed to Collector of the Port yesterday today and signed by 30 steerage passengers of the White Star liner Celtic, which arrived in port Sunday. Most of the signers are Irish-American and Scotch-Americans returning to this country after a trip to their homes.

The Celtic came in with 350 steerage passengers. Their chief vague grumblings of discontent at the lack of common comforts, the overcrowding and the trouble in getting meals. Many were heard to grumble that the food was poor, resulting from the overcrowding, were the talk of the ship. The more intelligent steerage passengers, knowing their rights and wishing to protect themselves, petitioned the Collector to investigate. The case was turned over by Collector Stranahan to Solicitor P. L. Hamilton, of his staff law department.

Four rosy-cheeked Irish girls told an Evening World reporter that conditions in the steerage were far from good. The girls are Katie Ford, bound for Waterbury, Conn.; Kate McDermott, bound for New Haven; Mary Ann Whitman, who went to No. 32 West Fifty-third street, and Della Hamilton, who went to No. 24 Sixth street, Brooklyn.

With some hesitation they said that when they were assigned to berths in Liverpool conditions were much better than they were in during the voyage. In town, at which port every berth intended for one person in their section was crowded with two persons. Men and women were indiscriminately mixed, day and night, and that in one section two men and two women were quartered.

The tables were so crowded at meal times, they said, that the passengers were forced to eat in rears, and even that it was with difficulty that some of the last table relay obtained food. The girls said they had seen men sleeping on the floor and the stairs and that every night eight or ten men slept on the dining-room table. These men were awakened before the others rose in the morning.

The Customs officials say that the steerage had ample capacity for the number brought over, and that the White Star people and Capt. J. W. Ramsom, of the Celtic refused to talk. If the evidence is strong enough the Collector and States District Attorney can subpoena witnesses before him. Such violations of the Passenger Act are punishable by heavy penalties, a fine of \$50 if proper food is not provided, and for failure to provide proper berths a fine of \$5 for every steerage passenger carried.

ASKS SPECIAL LICENSE TO WED IN ENGLAND.

Millionaire Wyckoff, of This City,
Makes Request of the Arch-
bishop of Canterbury.

A cablegram from London today said that William S. Wyckoff, of New York, had applied for a special license from the Archbishop of Canterbury to wed Miss Sophie Mance, of Stettin, Prussia.

Mr. Wyckoff, who has been in Europe several months, is about sixty years old and when in New York makes his home at the Hotel Manhattan. The manager of the hotel told afternoon said that Mr. Wyckoff is a multi-millionaire who had retired from active business several years ago.

MADE EVERYBODY IN THEATRE SNEEZE

Even Gy-ur! Heroine "Ker-
chood" in Climax and Whole
Audience Stampeded.

The name of the play at the Thalia Theatre, on the Bowery, this week is "Why Girls Leave Home." There was an interpretation last night entitled: "Why the Audience Left the Thalia." The answer is Joe Petroni.

Joe is seventeen years old and lives at No. 113 Macdonough street. He is a regular Calabrian cut-up. Joseph is, last night to discover why girls leave home, he carried in his pocket a bottle containing 15 cents worth of snuff strong enough to blow a safe.

There are many weeps in this Thalia masterpiece. Joe waited until the big weep in the last act when the gy-ur! who left home came back wearing a black dress cut low in the neck and enough powder to make a grain elevator pink. There was a sound in the house as the lovely gy-ur! pulled out the tremolo stops and began to sob.

That was Joe Petroni's cue. Slyly taking the bottle from his pocket he snuffed the snuff and the audience from his seat in the front row of the gallery.

In two minutes the snuff had done its work. The actors and actresses were sneezing, the orchestra was diving under the stage and the audience was sneezing for fresh air. Fortunately the man who generally gets up and yells "Gy-ur!" was occupied in keeping the top of his head on that he overlooked a set.

Somebody saw Joe do his snuff and tipped him off to the gallery. Joe, Jr. Centre Street Police Court today. Magistrate Whitman had to smile when he heard the story, but he fined Joe Petroni \$5.

Man Who Stopped Frightened
Animal May Die as Re-
sult of Injuries.

Scores of nurse girls and children narrowly escaped serious injury this morning when Peter Poldino, of No. 95 Lexington street, risked his life to stop a runaway horse on Lexington avenue, near One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street. Poldino succeeded, but he is in a dangerous condition in Harlem Hospital, where he has five scalp wounds, a possible fracture of the skull and contusions of the face and body.

The horse, which was in a delivery wagon owned by Solomon Berkes, of No. 100 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, and was driven by William Koester, of No. 130 Lexington avenue. Koester left the horse while he went into his house, which is near One Hundred and Sixteenth street. He returned by a passing automobile the animal started north at a terrific pace.

The avenue at that time in the afternoon is thronged with nurse girls taking their charges out for an airing in hospital gowns. When the horse was crossing the avenue at One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, the nurse girls and children on both sides of the street charged down upon them. With screams of fright and a dozen nurse girls managed to drag their charges out of the way as the runaway swept past.

At One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street Detective Conway, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth station, jumped for the horse's head, hit the snuff and was knocked backward. He scrambled up unhurt to see the horse galloping straight northward with women and children on both sides of the street taking refuge on the stoops of houses for fear the runaway might take to the air.

At One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street Poldino grasped the animal's bridle. He was dragged for almost a block, but he clung on. Just as he was about to give up, Detective Conway overtook the runaway and helped Poldino stop him.

After Poldino had been taken to the hospital, the horse was driven to the stable and was being tended by a veterinarian. Poldino was arrested later in the Harlem Court.

SECOR TAKES CLUB FIGHT INTO COURT.

The trouble in the exclusive Freeport Club of Freeport, L. I., came to a head today when Howard Secor, a lawyer, asked an injunction to keep the Board of Directors from expelling him, and asked Justice Maddox, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to prevent the club from ousting him from his apartments in the club house.

Secor said that the club has been trying to drive him out for two years. He alleged that the club had won a suit against the club for \$200 damages for the loss of clothes stolen by a club employee. Secor says he brought the suit on principle and he offered to pay the judgment to show there was no ill-feeling, but his offer was declined.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

Today's highest, lowest, closing prices and net changes of stocks from yesterday's final quotations are as follows:

Am. Woolen Co.	49 3/4	49 1/2	49 1/2	+
Armstrong	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/4	+
A. T. & S. P.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	+
Aviation	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	+
Brooklyn R. T. Co.	180 1/2	180 1/2	180 1/2	+
Central Pacific	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	+
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